

KEEP THE BAGS FULL!

By E. W. KEMBLE.



ONE MAN'S REASON WHY.

I have a son two years old. I want him to be a sportsman. I want him to be able to win like a gentleman, to lose like a man. I want him to grow up in a world where a victory gained by foul tactics is incomprehensible. I want him to feel always that his word is sacred; that no advantage to himself or others justifies the violation of his oath. I want him to reverence the memory of his mother, to look upon all women with clean eyes. I want him to grant, as a matter of fact, the demands of weakness upon strength. I want him to look upon human beings as individuals, to accept cheerfully another's right to a belief contrary to his own. I want him to gain his own beliefs through searching his own soul, not by blindly accepting the dicta of others. I want him to believe in a generous God, a God Who is a Gentleman, not a demoniac God who plays favorites.

One judges a man by his professed beliefs, by his acknowledged deeds. One judges a race in the same manner. By their professed beliefs, by their acknowledged deeds, I judge the Germans. And I firmly believe that a world ruled by them would be a world in which it would be impossible for my son to grow up to be the man I want him to be.

Arthur Somers Roche

(Contributed by Mr. KEMBLE and Mr. ROCHE to the NATIONAL SECURITY LEAGUE'S Campaign of Patriotism Through Education.)

"PLATTSBURGS" FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

To Be Held by National Security League Throughout Country During Coming Summer.

"Teachers' Plattsburgs," at which 500,000 public school teachers will be given practical training in patriotic education, will be held during the coming summer in practically every state in the Union by the National Security League. The scheme of this elaborate new division of the League's Patriotism Through Education campaign is conceived on the same basic idea along which the League has been working for some time, concentrating on the teachers of the youth of the land and thereby reaching the children through the teachers and the people through their children.

The objects of the League's campaign are two-fold—active combating of German propaganda and awakening a more responsible American citizenship.

At Summer Schools. The Security League will conduct these "Teachers' Plattsburgs" through the medium of the summer schools for teachers that are held throughout the country every year. It has not yet been determined how many centers will be used. The matter is being taken up with all of the 700 summer schools of the country and probably between 50 and 75 of the training camps will be established, the schools selected being chosen after careful investigation as to attendance, breadth of influence and convenience of location.

The training camps will be conducted by leading educators whose co-operation will be enlisted by the League. The actual instruction will be under the direction of Dr. Robert M. McElroy, educational director of the League, and the members of the "National Patriotic Education Faculty" which he has organized. The League already has over 1,000 experienced patriotic speakers on its Speakers' Bureau list. A great many of these men and women will be detailed to the "Teachers' Plattsburgs" and their number will be augmented by volunteers from the principal colleges and universities of the country, whose academic duties have prevented them from taking active part in the patriotic education work outside their immediate field, but who will be free during the summer months.

War Spirit.

The teachers will be given a series of vital interpretations of the war by men and women who have given careful study to the situation. In addition to this instilling of the war spirit in the teachers, the training camps will also afford them practical instruction in the best methods of imparting to the youth of the land the two war principles on which the Security League's Patriotism Through Education campaign is based—the menace of Germany to America, and the necessity of individual service on the part of every man, woman and child in the country in order to prevent defeat.

A preliminary letter has been sent by Doctor McElroy to the directors of all the summer schools of the country.

TO THOSE WHO FAIL TO GRASP WAR'S MEANING

By ELIHU ROOT, Honorary President of the National Security League.

There are doubtless some who do not understand what this struggle really is. Some who were born here resent interference with their comfort and prosperity and the demands for sacrifice, which seem to them unnecessary, and they fail to see that the time has come when, if Americans are to keep the independence and liberty which their fathers won by suffering and sacrifice, they in their turn must fight again for the preservation of that independence and liberty.



Elihu Root.

There are some born abroad who have come to this land for a greater freedom and broader opportunities and have sought and received the privileges of American citizenship who are swayed by dislike for some ally or by the sympathies of German kinship and fail to see that the time has come for them to make good the obligations of their sworn oaths of naturalization.

This is the oath that the applicant for citizenship makes:

That he will support the Constitution of the United States and that he absolutely and entirely renounces all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate or sovereignty; that he will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

"False to Their Oaths."

All these naturalized citizens who are taking part in obstruction to our government in the conduct of the war are false to their oaths, are forfeiting their rights of citizenship, are repudiating their honorable obligations, are requiting by evil the good that has been done them in the generous and unstinted hospitality with which the people of the United States have welcomed them to the liberty and the opportunities of this free land. We must believe that in many cases this is done because of failure to understand what this war really is.

This is a war of defense. It is perfectly described in the words of the Constitution which established this nation, "To provide for the common defense" and "To secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

The national defense demands not merely force, but intelligence. It requires foresight, consideration of the policies and purposes of other nations, understanding of the inevitable or probable consequence of the acts of other nations, judgment as to the time when successful defense may be made, and when it will be too late, and prompt action before it is too late.

By entering this war the United States availed itself of the very last opportunity to defend itself.

GERMANY'S GUILT ESTABLISHED.

(Extracts from Prince Karl Lichnowsky's "My London Mission, 1912-1914," a copy of which has just reached this country. Prince Lichnowsky, who was German Ambassador to England when the war broke out, says that he wrote the document for his family archives, but it was made public in Germany and created a great stir, the Kaiser's government hastening to repudiate and suppress it.)

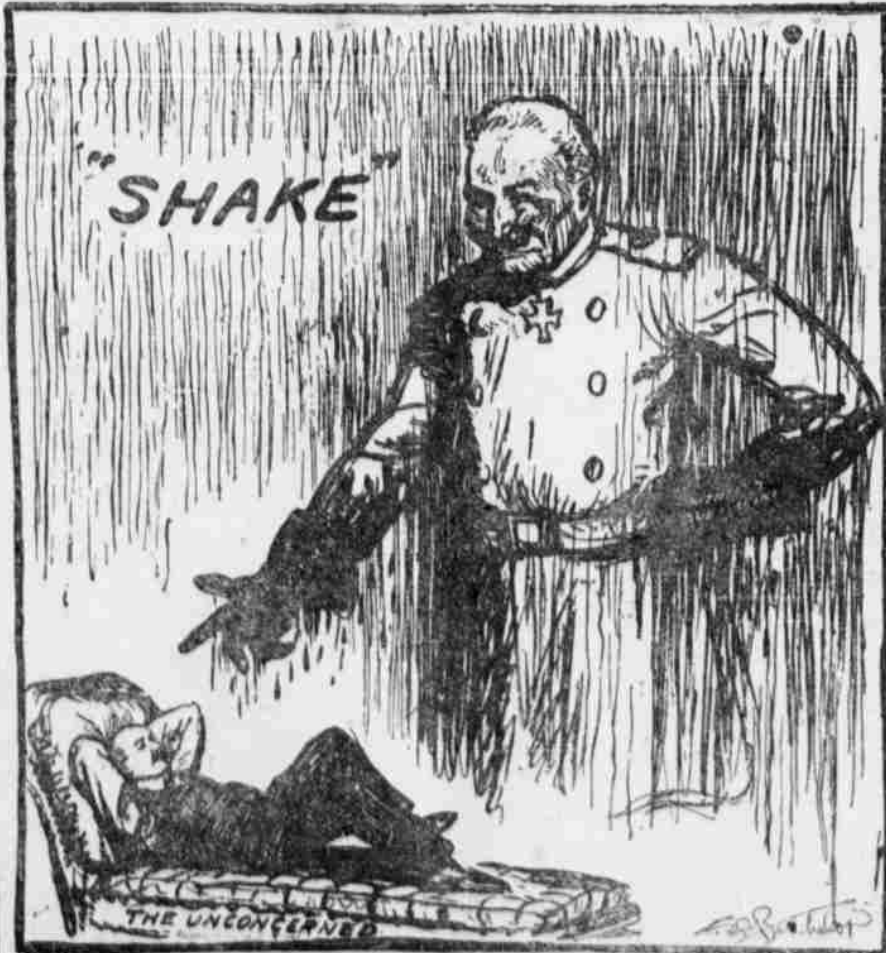
"On Aug. 2 (1914), when I saw Asquith in order to make a final attempt, he was completely broken, and, although quite calm, tears ran down his face."

"Of course it would only have needed a hint from Berlin to make Count Berchtold (Austrian Foreign Minister in August, 1914) satisfy himself with a diplomatic success and put up with the Serbian reply."

"The impression became ever stronger that we (Germany) desired war in all circumstances."

"Thus ended my London mission. It was wrecked not by the perfidy of the British, but by the perfidy of our policy."

"I had to support in London a policy which I knew to be fallacious. I was punished for it, for it was a sin against the Holy Ghost."



The Huns Abroad and The Pacifists at Home

(Contributed by CASPAR WHITNEY, now at the front for the "N. Y. Tribune," to the National Security League's campaign of Patriotism Through Education.)

Although Germany, while yet a "friend," intrigued against our peace and order, urged Japan and Mexico to make war on us, and murdered our men, women and children, there are those among us professing loyalty and intelligence who practically say this is not our war and appear unable to realize that the defeat of the boche is as vital to us Americans as was the victory of 1776.

Then we declared for independence; now we fight to maintain it.

It is not merely that we fight in answer to indignity and material injury done us through attack on our rights as a nation and on the lives of our citizens—not merely to uphold our place among self-respecting peoples—that we are at war; but literally for our self preservation as a republic.

To muzzle this war-mad wild beast we have taken up arms—that the world shall be safe for the freemen of the world.

The world cannot rest in peace while Germany holds the destiny of other peoples in her blood-thirsting hands. The world cannot live in peace with a people that commits, or permits her sponsors to commit in her name, the foul acts of treachery, of vandalism, of bestiality, of murder, that have marked the trail of the German army over Europe.

One doctrine or the other must prevail; either the German brutal right of might or the civilized might of right—one or the other—must succumb in this conflict to the death. And should it be the German doctrine—then shall we fall under the domination of a people that have robbed and raped and looted and burned and killed, that the "kultur" of a military oligarchy shall live.

Prussianism is devoid of honor, truth, justice or mercy, as its own acts have proved, and its defeat is a necessary first step for the peace of the world and the freedom of civilization.

For the safety of American institutions it must be destroyed; for the safety of American freedom, yours and mine and of all of us.

We are in the midst of war, our war, the war of every freeman, of every man and woman who does not indorse cowardly murderous assault upon the weak and innocent, brutal injustice, and atrocious acts; and if we would preserve the Stars and Stripes and all they stand for we must fight the Huns abroad and the pacifists at home with all our strength.

Casper Whitney

WHAT THE VICTORY OR DEFEAT OF GERMANY MEANS TO EVERY AMERICAN

(Contributed by ALBERT PAYSON TERHUNE, author and globe-trotter, to the National Security League's campaign of Patriotism Through Education.)

Germany's victory would mean all that the alarmists have said—the setback of humanity, democracy, civilization, rights of man, etc. But, to America, it would mean infinitely more.

It would mean our first national defeat; and, thus, would smash our perfect record for victories—a record as old as our nation—a record that means more than the right to brag. Even as a beaten army never wholly regains its old form—even as a beaten ring champion sinks at once into desuetude—so our nation (its traditions of victory gone) would suffer far worse deterioration than the mere fact of defeat could inflict.

It would mean that the man who has risked all in his country's struggle for right could never again feel his former calm certainty that right must triumph. Thus, the moral tone of the individual, as well as of the nation, would inevitably be lowered.

This country has never embarked in a war of conquest. From 1775 to the present we have fought for Liberty or for Union or for the Oppressed—ever for some sterling principle of right. From childhood we have been taught to believe that the high unselfishness of our war aims has given us the victory. We have seen the decay or destruction of men and nations that have battled for dominion—as Germany is now battling. Should we fall in this, our mightiest war for the Right, the average man must lose forever the simple Faith which has led our dear country from nothingness to its present estate. For that Faith, more than for anything else, our sacrifice is a hundredfold justified.

Albert Payson Terhune.

EVADE RIGID FOOD CONTROL.

Food is Bought in Germany Surreptitiously in Violation of Autocratic Rulings.

Even the autocratic food control of Germany has been powerless to prevent surreptitious sales, according to semi-official reports reaching the United States food administration. Illegal sales of butter are being made in Germany at prices ranging from \$1.75 to \$2.25 a pound. Eggs sold contrary to the German food regulations are bringing 10 to 15 cents apiece, according to these reports. And bacon or ham is bringing from \$2.25 to \$3.25 a pound.